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Effective July 30, 2003, 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1) through (c)(5) have been revised to require a total rewriting of a claim each time the claim is amended, *including markings to show the changes being made relative to the immediate prior version* of the claim except when the claim is being canceled. Section 1.121(c) also requires submitting a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, and the status of each and every claim in every amendment document that includes an amendment to the claims. The status of each claim included in the claim listing must be described by one of the following seven defined identifiers in parentheses after the claim number:

(Original): Claim filed with the application

(Currently amended): Claim being amended in the current amendment document.

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(Previously presented): Claim added or amended in an earlier amendment document.

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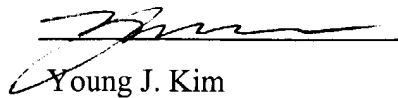
The Amendment received on March 31, 2004 identifies claim 8 as being previously presented, but contains amendment, thus incorrectly identifying the claim status, resulting in the present Notice of Non-responsive Amendment (See 37 CFR 1.111). Applicants are referred to

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the Federal Register Vol. 68, No. 125 available at www.uspto.gov/main/newsandnotices. See
37 CFR 1.111.

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